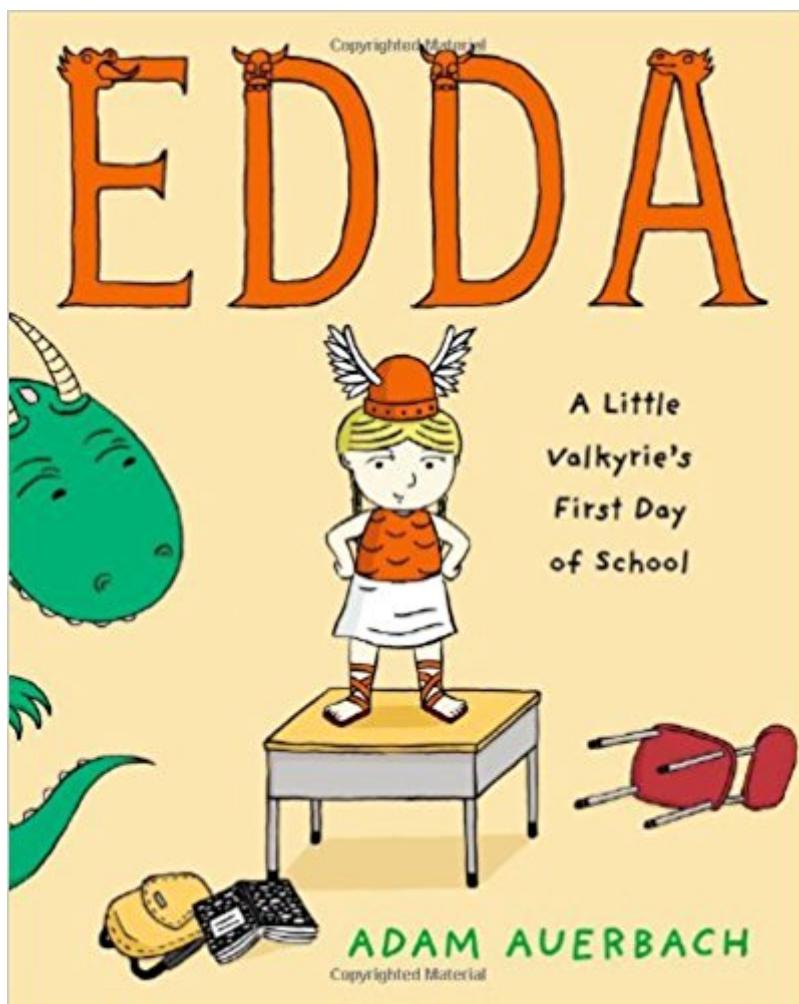


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# Edda: A Little Valkyrie's First Day Of School



## **Synopsis**

Edda is a Valkyrie (an ancient Norse goddess who guides and protects heroes). She lives in a magical land called Asgard where she has everything she wants. Well . . . almost everything. Edda wants to find a friend her own age. Edda's wise papa knows of a place where she can make friends: a place on Earth called "school." School is very different from Asgard. Edda's not sure if she likes it at first. But then she remembers that Valkyries are very brave. Even little Valkyries. Edda learns that being different is what makes her special and she begins to make new friends. A Christy Ottaviano Book

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

PreS-Gr 3 "Young Edda is a Valkyrie (a brave woman, according to Norse mythology) who happily spends her days on Asgard doing pretty much as she pleases, including searching for unruly monsters. Then she decides she wants to play with someone her own age. Her father has the solution: kindergarten on Earth. As she enters the classroom, Edda realizes that even Valkyries aren't immune to moments of nervousness, but her wise, gentle father reassures Edda that she is indeed brave. At first, school is nothing like she imagined. There are many new rules: sitting still, waiting your turn, sharing. Yet by day's end, Edda has made a new friend and has stories to share with her family in Asgard, inspiring one curious dragon to join Edda in class the following day.

Narrator Susie Berneis perfectly captures Edda's range of emotions. VERDICT This small story about a big moment in a child's life is a perfect classroom resource to explore a variety of themes: taking turns, sharing, friendship, and respect. "Cheryl Preisendorfer, Twinsburg City Schools, OH --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

âœAuerbach hilariously depicts often-grumpy Edda, always wearing armor and a winged helmet among her T-shirt-clad classmates, in spare and cheerful line drawings. • BooklistâœKudos to author-illustrator Adam Auerbach --or, rather, a celebratory goblet of mead to him--for pairing a traditional school story with Norse mythology. . . . The tricky adjustments between the familiarity of home and the new disciplines of school play out amusingly in Mr. Auerbach's spare, comedic illustrations. • The Wall Street JournalâœThe struggles of Edda's first day bring a needed spark to the book, eliciting giggles through their humorous but sympathetic rendering of a little girl struggling to fit in . . . It might inspire the more timid little Valkyries. • BCCBâœAuerbach--an accomplished editorial artist with an approachable line drawing style and a sly, sympathetic wit--makes a terrific children's book debut in this folklore-meets-first-day story. Edda is a fresh, funny twist on the kid who can't quite find a grove. • Publishers WeeklyâœWagner's operas inspired this Valkyrie-themed look at the first day of school. • Kirkus Reviews

Great Kids book!!!!!!!

A lively and well written little story with charming illustrations - perfect for kids just beginning school. I bought it for my granddaughter.

This is one of the BEST childrens book in all of Midgard! A must read for anyone who loves the values of the old northern way.

what a lovely book. My granddaughter loves it.

A lovely, imaginative little book about love and courage.

Love the illustrations. The premise is a winner. The character is charming. I think the story is a little weak, but it will do. The ending is a very pleasant smile. A nice lead-in to a book like Osborne & Howell's Favorite Norse Myths. Read "Edda" to your kids first, then the Osborne & Howell book,

then go back to "Edda" and let your kids see for themselves how much more they understand.

Sweet and clever story + BEAUTIFUL illustrations = one outstanding book! Then there is the introduction to the Valkyrie.

way too short for the money I spent

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